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THE 7 SEPTEMBER ATTACK AGAINST PRESIDENT PINOCHET. PINOCHET HAD GONE TO HIS RETREAT IN EL MELOCOTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO WORK ON HIS 11 SEPTEMBER SPEECH, AND TO MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE 9 SEPTEMBER PRO-GOVERNMENT RALLY. ALTHOUGH NOT SCHEDULED, AT THE LAST MINUTE PINOCHET DECIDED TO RETURN TO SANTIAGO ON 7 SEPTEMBER. PINOCHET IS USUALLY FLOWN BY HELICOPTER TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL IN SANTIAGO, BUT ON THIS OCCASION DECIDED TO TRAVEL BY CAR. PRESIDENTIAL CARAVANS ARE USUALLY PRECEDED BY SEVERAL SECURITY CONTINGENTS, WHO ARE POSTED AT DIFFERENT POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE, AND COVERED FROM THE AIR BY A HELICOPTER. THIS WAS NOT DONE ON THIS OCCASION.

3. PINOCHET'S CAR INCLUDED HIMSELF, HIS GRANDSON, A NAVAL AIDE, AND A DRIVER. THE NAVAL AIDE SAW AN EXPLOSION, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY ONE OF THE ESCORT VEHICLES BEING HIT BY A ROCKET, AND THEN NUMEROUS MUZZLE FLASHES. AS THE CARAVAN SLOWED, PINOCHET GRABBED A MACHINE GUN HE KEEPS NEAR HIM AND TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE CAR. THE NAVAL AIDE PULLED PINOCHET AWAY FROM THE DOOR AND TOLD HIM TO LIE ON THE FLOOR, COVERING HIS GRANDSON, AND ORDERED THE DRIVER TO REVERSE AND DRIVE OUT OF THE AMBUSH. WHILE BACKING PINOCHET'S CAR RAMMED INTO AND FORCED ANOTHER CAR OFF THE ROAD, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE LAST ESCORT CAR WITH PINOCHET'S PHYSICIAN AND ADDITIONAL BODY GUARDS. AS PINOCHET'S CAR TURNED AROUND AND DROVE AWAY FROM THE AMBUSH THEY CROSSED WITH THE LAST ESCORT CAR, WHICH HAD FALLEN BEHIND. THIS CAR, CONTAINING THE PHYSICIAN WAS SENT ON TO THE AMBUSH SITE TO HELP THE SECURITY OFFICERS ESCORT MEMBERS WHO WERE STILL UNDER ATTACK. IT WAS LATER DETERMINED THAT THE CAR THAT HAD BEEN RAMMED AND FORCED OFF THE ROAD HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TERRORIST VEHICLES, WHICH HAD SOMEHOW MANAGED TO JOIN THE PRESIDENTIAL CARAVAN.

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4. UPON ARRIVAL BACK AT EL MELOCOTON PINOCHET ORDERED ALL HIGH LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS BE CALLED AND INFORMED ABOUT THE ATTACK. [REDACTED]

PINOCHET FIRST THOUGHT THE ATTACK HAD COME FROM THE MILITARY, AND NOT FROM AN EXTREMIST GROUP. AFTER CONSULTING WITH SENIOR LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS PINOCHET RELENTED FROM THIS POSITION AND SAID THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OR THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH) HAD BEEN BEHIND THE ATTACK.

5. [REDACTED] MANY SENIOR LEVEL HARD LINE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE USG HAS A PLAN TO OVERTHROW PINOCHET, AND HAS DEVELOPED AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF ACTIVE DUTY NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS TO THIS END. PINOCHET ALSO BELIEVES THIS TO BE THE CASE, AND CONSIDERS HIS WORST ENEMY TO BE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE CIA. THE PCCH IS A LESSER PROBLEM.

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